



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE, SACRAMENTO  
PLANT HEALTH AND PEST PREVENTION SERVICES – PEST EXCLUSION  
**SNAIL-FREE GREENHOUSE/NURSERY HOLDING AREA**  
MASTER PERMIT COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT  
66-124 (09/2005)

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| 1. Name and Mailing Address<br>of Establishment: | 2. Location of snail-free<br>area(s): (include County): |
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3. Regulated Articles Handled:
- Floriculture and Nursery Stock for shipments to Canada and states with snail\* regulations.
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1. The nursery shall have an ongoing snail exclusion, detection and eradication program\*\* and shall maintain records, demonstrating the nursery's systematic treatment for snails. These records shall be made available to the Agricultural Commissioner upon request. The program shall include all of the following:
- a. All nursery stock for certification shall have been subjected to the nursery's snail exclusion, detection, and eradication program including maintenance of greenhouse or nursery holding area boundaries to prevent the entry of snails from adjacent areas and maintenance of a quarantine/treatment area for shipments imported from any source which is not snail-free. The program shall include any snail mitigating measures prescribed by the Commissioner.
  - b. The movement of nursery stock into the nursery holding area(s) shall be recorded and all lots clearly identified. Individual lots shall be adequately separated from each other within the holding area to preclude cross contamination. All plant material shall be held for a minimum of 30 days for treatment and be inspected by nursery personnel for the presence of snails prior to shipment. At the end of the 30 day period, the Commissioner shall be notified and may perform inspection of the treatment lot(s) as deemed necessary.
  - c. Debris shall be removed from the containers at the time they are removed from the greenhouse or holding area prior to shipment.
  - d. Regular inspection of incoming trucks for the presence of snails. Trucks found infested or containing debris shall be cleaned and handled in a manner to prevent contamination of the nursery and the plants being shipped.
  - e. Certified plants shall not be shipped together with uncertifiable plants while in route to destination.

\* For all states except Florida, Louisiana, and North Carolina and Canada "snail" as used in this agreement means European Brown Garden snail (*Helix aspersa* = *Cryptomphalus asperses*). For Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina and Canada "snail" means *Helix* spp., *Achatina* spp., *Theba pisana*, and *Megalobulimus oblongus* and any other snail of quarantine significance.

\*\* Attached and incorporated as part of this agreement by reference, in the "[Nursery Growers Guide to Snail-Free Operations](#)."

- f. For shipments to Louisiana a copy of the snail certification showing name and address of shipper, name and address of consignee and a list of plant materials shipped must be mailed or faxed immediately upon shipment of each load by the shipping nursery to the address below:

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry  
Division of Horticulture and Quarantine  
P.O. Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596  
FAX No. (225) 925-3760

- g. For shipments to Mississippi a copy of the snail certification must be immediately sent priority mail or faxed to the address below by the shipping nursery:

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce  
Bureau of Plant Industry  
P.O. Box 5207, Mississippi State, MS 39762  
FAX No. (662) 325-8397

2. Inspections: A minimum of two inspections for snails will be conducted each year by the Agricultural Commissioner.

3. Enforcement provisions shall be as provided below:

- a. If upon inspection by the Agricultural Commissioner the nursery is found to have an isolated incidence of snails in the greenhouse, the Commissioner shall quarantine the affected greenhouse for a period of 30 days and shall require that all plants in that area be treated a minimum of two times. After 30 days, if inspection for snails is negative, the Commissioner shall release the area from quarantine.
- b. Whenever snails are found in a nursery holding area, the infested lot shall remain an additional 30 days under the treatment program.
- c. Upon notification by any destination state Department of Agriculture that a snail was found in a shipment from the nursery, all shipments from that nursery shall be temporarily discontinued and the Commissioner shall:
- 1) immediately commence an investigation to determine the probable source of the problem and to assure that the problem is promptly resolved. The investigation shall include all of the likely snail sources/program breakdown areas including but not limited to reviews of shipping and treatment records and inspection, to whatever extent and at whatever intensity the Commissioner deems necessary.
  - 2) if the problem is an infestation, quarantine and require treatment of any stock determined to be infested until such time as the infestation is eliminated (as prescribed in 3a.). The California Department of Food and Agriculture, Pest Exclusion Branch, Sacramento, shall be notified of the infestation and quarantine area. Shipments of plants from outside the quarantine area may be resumed on an individual inspection and certification basis.

Upon eradication of the infestation, the Commissioner will notify the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Pest Exclusion Branch, Sacramento, in writing prior to the resumption of normal shipment operations, i.e., individual shipment inspection and certification will no longer be required.

- d. If the problem is not an infestation, notify the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Pest Exclusion Branch, Sacramento, of the results of the investigation. Resumption of shipping will be allowed as soon as possible dependent on the individual problem and its resolution.
4. In the event of a snail interception by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA):

Shipments that are found to be infested with snails by CFIA will be rejected and a notice of non-compliance will be forwarded to APHIS. APHIS will contact CDFA/County Department of Agriculture and an investigation will be conducted to identify how the non-compliance occurred. The nursery will be placed on hold during this time and no phytosanitary certificates will be issued until corrective actions are taken to the satisfaction of APHIS/CDFA and the County. CFIA will be advised of the status of the

nursery (on Hold). Once all corrective actions are in place the hold will be removed and CFIA will be notified.

Repeated offenses/interceptions may result in the removal of the nursery from the Snail Freedom Compliance program.

5. This agreement may be suspended or revoked under the following circumstances:
- a. The nursery has failed in material respects to properly keep and maintain the records of snail treatment or in any other way fails to comply with the requirements of this Agreement.
  - b. The nursery is found upon inspection to have a widely scattered population of snails throughout the greenhouse or holding area.
  - c. The nursery fails in any other respect to comply with the lawful orders of the Commissioner.
6. Other requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner including fees if applicable.

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Company Representative's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please type or print)

Representative's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

The affixing of both signatures will validate this Agreement,  
which shall remain in effect until canceled, but may be  
revised as necessary or revoked for noncompliance.

Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Agreement \_\_\_\_\_

County Agricultural Commissioner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_